

HB 1775 - H AMD 345

By Representative White

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The towncar and limousine industry is a
4 viable and important mode of transportation for residents and visitors
5 across the state, and maintaining high standards within the industry is
6 necessary in order to ensure a wide variety of safe, reliable, and
7 legal transportation choices. Concerns have been raised about both
8 state oversight and enforcement ability resulting in a variety of
9 potential and documented safety problems, and that the current
10 oversight responsibilities residing with the department of licensing
11 are not being fulfilled. Therefore, in response to this complex
12 situation, it is the intent of the legislature to direct the department
13 of licensing to investigate the current situation and return with
14 recommendations for a comprehensive approach to oversight and
15 regulation.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of licensing shall, utilizing
17 existing funds, convene a group of stakeholders to analyze the current
18 situation governing the licensing and oversight of the limousine
19 industry in the state of Washington, and to develop recommendations for
20 a more comprehensive approach. The stakeholder group shall discuss the
21 following areas of licensing and regulation including but not limited
22 to: Licensing of vehicle drivers and chauffeurs, inspection of
23 vehicles, insurance requirements, background checks, driving and
24 related training, operations and prearrangement requirements, best
25 practices, and the relevant sections of chapters 46.72A, 46.72, and
26 81.72 RCW. The department of licensing shall report back to the
27 transportation committees of the legislature with an initial report on
28 the recommendations of the stakeholders no later than September 1,

1 2009, and with a final report on the recommendations of the
2 stakeholders no later than December 1, 2009.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act expires January 1, 2010."

4 Correct the title.

EFFECT: The striking amendment does the following:

(1) Removes the entirety of the underlying bill.

(2) Requires the department of licensing to convene a group of stakeholders and to report back to the legislative transportation committees by December 1, 2009, with recommendations regarding: (a) Licensing of vehicle drivers and chauffeurs; (b) inspection of vehicles; (c) insurance requirements; (d) training; (e) operations; (f) best practices; and (g) current regulatory statutes.

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